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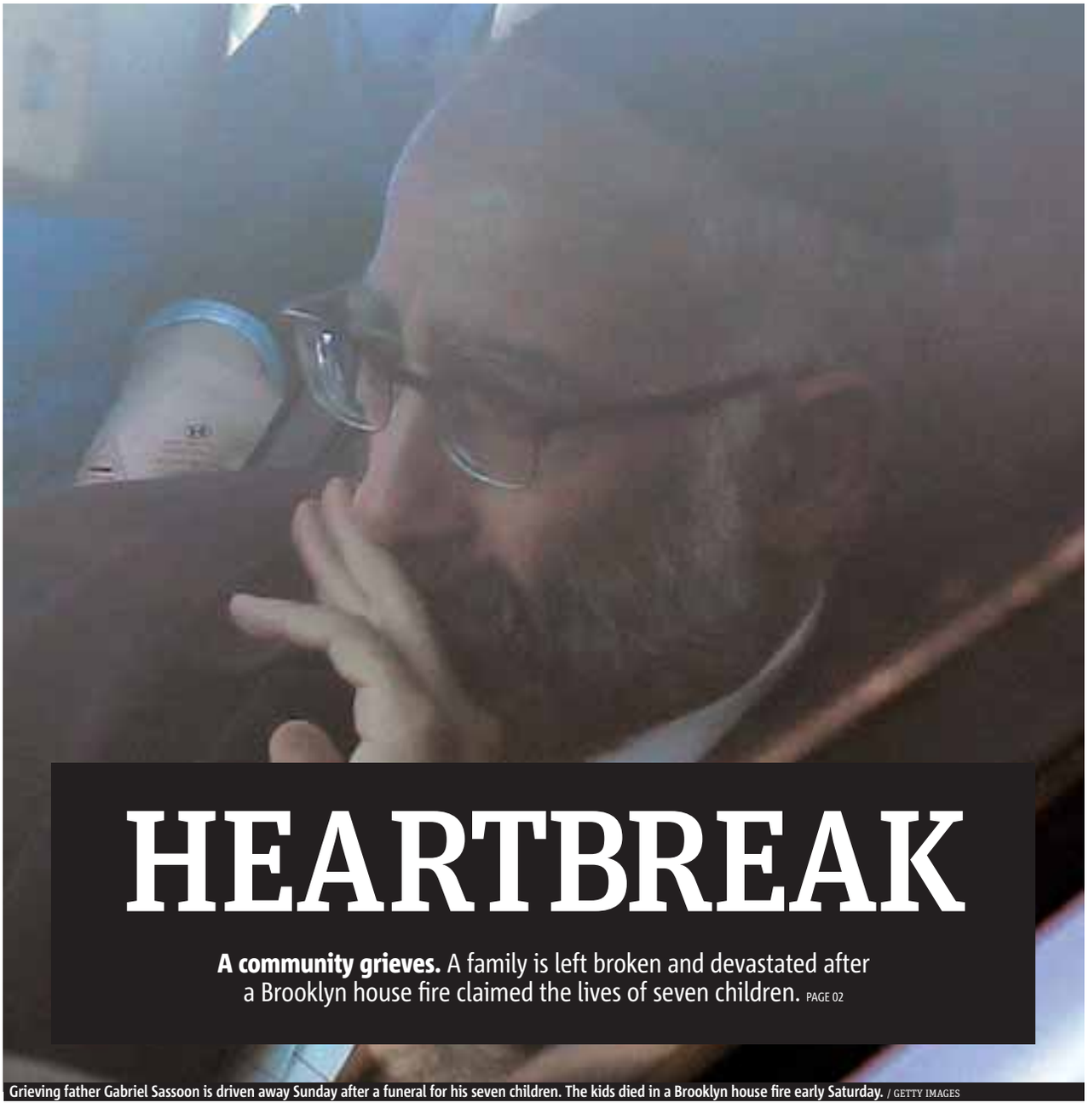

HEARTBREAK

A community grieves. A family is left broken and devastated after a Brooklyn house fire claimed the lives of seven children. PAGE 02

Grieving father Gabriel Sassoon is driven away Sunday after a funeral for his seven children. The kids died in a Brooklyn house fire early Saturday. / GETTY IMAGES

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'Please everybody, love your children'

Hundreds turned out Sunday for the funeral of Gabriel Sassoon's seven children. / MILES DIXON, METRO

Heartbreak. Father of seven children who died in a fire early Saturday morning shares his grief.

No parent should have to bury a child. Let alone seven.

That was the incomprehensible reality faced by a Brooklyn father who lost seven of his eight children over the weekend when a hot plate left on for the Sabbath malfunctioned, turning their Midwood home into a fiery death trap.

Still, Gabriel Sassoon somehow managed to eulogize his lost sons and daughters Sunday — and then accompany their caskets on an El-Al jet bound for Israel, where they will be buried Monday in Jerusalem.

"My children were wonderful, they were the best," he said to sobs inside the Shomrei Hadas Chapels in Borough Park, and in the surrounding streets, where hundreds listened to the service over loudspeakers.

The children ranged in age from 5 through 16 — fours boys (Yaakob, 5; Moshe, 8; Yeshua, 10; David, 12) and three sisters (Sara, 6; Rivkah, 11; Eliane, 16).

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"Hashem knows how much I love them."
Gabriel Sassoon

Sassoon, a deeply religious man, according to neighbors, was away at a retreat when the fire erupted just after midnight Saturday in the family's Bedford Avenue home.

Adding to the anguish are reports there was only one smoke detector in the house — in the basement. Smoke inhalation was the official cause of death.

"I want to ask my children for forgiveness. I did my best and my wife did her best," Sassoon said. "Please everybody, love your children. It's the only thing that counts." Sassoon's wife, Gayle, and surviving daughter Siporah, 15, leaped from the second floor, and are in the hospital in critical condition, their bodies badly burned.

Back on Bedford Avenue, a visibly shaken Mayor Bill de Blasio said Saturday, "We have to pray for the mother and the daughter who's still alive, and hope they make it through."

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Hazards

Fire safety campaign launched in wake of tragedy

When the Sabbath starts Friday night, observant Jews shun the modern conveniences others use daily — no phones, no electric lights and no turning the oven or microwave on or off.

But some of what is acceptable can also create danger.

The use of candles have long been a fire-causing culprit. For years, families would leave a stove burner on for 24 hours. Electric hot plates left on were actually considered safer.

Fire safety educators say these workarounds are all the more reason that the proper installation of smoke detectors is crucial.

New York Fire Department Commissioner Daniel Nigro will hold an emergency meeting with community leaders. And just before Sunday's funeral, fire safety educators were on the tragic streets of Midwood, informing the community on how to make their homes safer. JOHN A. OSWALD

Straphangers. MetroCard rates have jumped by 25 cents

It's time for MTA riders to pay up.

MetroCard rates officially went up on Sunday, two months after the MTA board voted to increase base fares by 25 cents.

Base fares will now cost $2.75 (single rides cost $3), and monthly unlimited MetroCards have risen to $116.50, up from $112. Rates have also increased for rail tickets, area bridges and tunnels.

The MTA fare hike kicked in Sunday. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Many riders waiting for the train in Union Square on Sunday weren't aware of the increase. Others, who ran out of swipes, learned of the hike when they went to reload their card.

"That's really annoying," said Jessica Rosenqvist, 24, of the increase. "I'm a student, so every penny counts."

"My paycheck didn't go up this week," said Rigo Hernandez, 30, who usually takes the 4 or 5 train. "The MTA needs to get their act together. There's always problems with the weekend service. You pay so much money and on the weekends it's really hard to get around."

"It's a part of life I guess," said Noah White, who was waiting on the N train platform. "But it's kind of ridiculous they keep on doing it, but obviously the subway needs to be improved."

Ahead of the higher rates, the MTA rolled out a new MetroCard bonus calculator to help riders, who now get an 11 percent bonus when they add more than $5.50 to their card. WENDY JOAN BIDDLECOMBE

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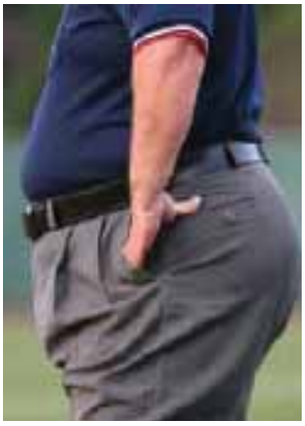

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The Bronx opens up for tourism business with its first guide

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The Boogie Down Bronx is hoping tourists will boogie down to it. Or is that up?

After all, the Bronx is up, and the Battery's down.

The Bronx Tourism Council — yes, there is such a thing — has released the first-ever Bronx Visitors Guide.

Its 44 pages highlight some of the old mainstays, like the Bronx Zoo, New York Botanical Gardens and Yankee Stadium. But the guide also sells tourists on other lesser-known gems, such as Little Italy on Arthur Avenue, shops and restaurants on City Island, the Longwood Gallery at Hostos Community College, Joyce Kilmer Park, the Edgar Allen Poe Cottage and Wave Hill garden and cultural center.

There's more to the Bronx than Yankee Stadium. / FILE PHOTO

The Bronx is also hoping to attract architecture buffs, having more than 400 Art Deco buildings, many on the famed Grand Concourse.

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- **August:** Bronx Salsa Fest
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Crime

Police looking for Flatbush shooting suspects

Police are asking for the public's help in identifying three men believed to be involved in a Saturday shooting that left a Brooklyn teen dead.

Donel Andrew, 18, was found shot in the torso just before 4 p.m. on Saturday on Flatbush Avenue near Snyder Avenue, police said.

He was taken to Kings County Hospital and pronounced dead.

The shooting happened across the street from the McDonald's where a group of teens beat a 15-year-old girl earlier this month.

The cellphone footage has since gone viral.

Anyone with information on the suspects is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS. METRO

Gone. Warehouse fire files lost for good

More than 85,000 boxes of historic city court records were obliterated in January's massive Williamsburg warehouse fire, it was revealed Sunday.

New York State Office of Court Administration officials told the Daily News that most of the records, from courthouses throughout the city, were from closed cases.

The 7-alarm fire began on Jan. 31 inside a waterfront warehouse at 5 North 11th Street.

It sent choking smoke through local streets and a plume, driven by high winds, could be seen for miles around.

"There is nothing that was salvageable," OCA Executive Director Ronald Younkins told the News. "They had an outside company that specializes in restoration of documents and disaster recovery. They came and — nothing."

To put things in perspective, the paper noted, at least another 495,000 boxes of city court records remain secured at other facilities. And some of the documents that were incinerated had been scanned or preserved on microfiche.

So what happens if someone seeks records from a destroyed file that had not been scanned?

Younkins says: "Even if the case file was destroyed, there might be minutes of the proceeding still available." JOHN A. OSWALD

The fire in Brooklyn's waterfront burned for days.
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1 Confederate flag plate debate reaches Supreme Court

The design of a proposed "Sons of the Confederacy" license plate is shown in this handout illustration. / TEXAS DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday will take up a free speech case on whether Texas was wrong in rejecting a specialty vehicle license plate displaying the Confederate flag — to some an emblem of Southern pride and to others a symbol of racism.

The justices will hear a one-hour oral argument in a case that raises the issue of how states can allow or reject politically divisive messages on license plates without violating free speech rights. States can generate revenue by allowing groups to propose specialty plates that people then pay a fee to put on their vehicle. REUTERS

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Attacker with machete at New Orleans airport dies

The machete-wielding man who was shot by police when he attacked security agents at a New Orleans airport on Friday has died in a hospital, police said on Saturday.

Richard White, 63, was carrying six homemade explosives when he attacked agents at the airport with wasp-killing spray and a machete.

He had a history of mental illness, officials said.

"No one at this point in time has any notion of what triggered this behavior," Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand said at a news conference earlier on Saturday.

"His family has been very cooperative. We have been able to determine that there is a mental illness component here."

White died after the news conference, at around 4 p.m. local time, police said. **REUTERS**

US taking steps to fix technical error with Boeing GPS satellites

The Air Force on Sunday said it is working to resolve a technical error that affects some Boeing GPS satellites, although it did not hurt the accuracy of GPS signals received by users.

Air Force Space Command said the glitch affected the "indexing" of some GPS messages from a type of satellite known as IIF, which affects how messages are sorted and stored.

The issue came to light in recent days, but a close examination of archive data showed the problem had gone unnoticed since 2013. It gave no details of the extent of the problem, its impact on the overall system or how it had come to light.

It said the glitch appeared related to the ground software that builds and uploads messages transmitted by GPS satellites, resulting in an occasional message failing to meet U.S. technical specifications.

The Air Force said it had put in place a temporary solution and officials were working on a permanent fix. **REUTERS**

McCain to Obama: Get over your temper tantrum

Sen. John McCain accused President Barack Obama of throwing a "temper tantrum" over comments by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, adding to the conflict between the White House and the Republican-dominated Congress over Israel.

McCain, asked on CNN's "State of the Union" if U.S.-Israel relations were at a dangerous point, said, "I think that's up to the president of the United States."

Obama's relationship with Netanyahu was strained further by comments Netanyahu made in the closing moments of his successful campaign. **REUTERS**

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Sen. Ted Cruz to announce 2016 bid

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, a conservative firebrand who has frequently clashed with leaders of his Republican Party, will announce on Monday that he plans to run for president, an aide said.

Cruz will be the first major figure from either party to announce his candidacy for the 2016 election when he speaks at Liberty University, an evangelical Christian school in Virginia. Two other prominent Republican senators, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Marco Rubio of Florida, are expected to reveal their plans in coming weeks.

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Cruz, 44, has built a reputation as an unyielding advocate for conservative principles in his two years in the Senate.

He pushed his party to force a government shutdown in 2013 in an unsuccessful effort to deny funding to President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act, drawing the disapproval of Republican leaders in Washington and praise from the grassroots Tea Party movement.

As a presidential candidate, Cruz is likely to stake out a position on his party's far-right wing.

In recent weeks, he has told audiences to look closely at the actions of Republican candidates who say they stick up for conservative principles. **REUTERS**

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Florida mother skips hearing after charged with killing her kids

Police. They have not said how the children were killed except to say they were not stabbed, sliced or shot.

A Florida mother waived her right to attend a first court hearing on Sunday to face charges of murdering two of her young children and attempting to murder her 5-month-old baby, an official at Brevard County Detention Center said.

Jessica Lacey McCarty, 33, of Palm Bay, was represented by a public defender, with a judge setting arraignment for April 21, the official said.

McCarty was ordered held without bond and remains under medical watch at Brevard County Detention Center.

The medical examiner's office on Sunday were to perform autopsies on McCarty's two older children, ages 7 and 6, to determine how they died.

McCarty's 5-month-old baby remains in critical condition in an Orlando hospital, officials said.

Police said they were still putting together the sequence of events and added that investigators from the Department of Children and Families had visited McCarty in the past.

Officers went to McCarty's home Friday after receiving two emergency calls, one from a woman who claimed to have killed her children, police said in a news release on Saturday.

When police arrived, they found McCarty in front of the house, holding a butcher's knife in her hand and suffering from minor injuries.

McCarty in booking photo from 2009. PALM BAY POLICE HANDOUT

Inside the home, officers found three unresponsive children.

A 7-year-old girl named Laci and her 6-year-old brother Philip were pronounced dead at a nearby hospital, police said. REUTERS

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Russia threatens to aim nuclear missiles at Denmark ships

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Comments. NATO said the Russian threat would not contribute to peace.

Russia threatened to aim nuclear missiles at Danish warships if Denmark joins NATO's missile defense system, in comments Copenhagen called unacceptable.

Denmark said in August it would contribute radar capacity on some of its warships to the missile shield, which the Western alliance says is designed to protect members from missile launches from countries like Iran.

Moscow opposes the system, arguing that it could reduce the effectiveness of its own nuclear arsenal, leading to a new Cold War-style arms race.

In an interview in the newspaper Jyllands-Posten, the Russian ambassador to Denmark, Mikhail Vanin, said he did not think Danes fully understood the consequences of joining the program.

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Kurds mark New Year

Kurds from Turkey and Syria celebrate Kurdish New Year in Diyarbakir, Turkey.

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Diyarbakir has one of the largest Kurdish populations in Turkey and has become home to large numbers of Syrian Kurds fleeing the civil war in their home country. A number of refugees from nearby camps also traveled to attend the event, the largest Kurdish New Year celebrations in Turkey.

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Orlando fire officials said the person who died was in the helicopter, but it has not been determined whether the victim was the pilot or a passenger.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board were combing through the crash site to see if there were other victims and to try determine what caused the accident, said Orlando Assistant Fire Chief Hezedean Smith.

The helicopter struck a second-floor garage apartment adjoining a private home before breaking apart and igniting a fire that was extinguished within minutes, Smith said.

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Vital Information All Knee Arthritis Sufferers

By Matt Edgar-Health Writer
Manhattan - In just a moment I'm going to tell you about a very "candid" and somewhat embarrassing moment I had with a doctor.

A moment most doctors would not want you to know about.

As I reveal what happened in that moment - it will become clear to you not only why this doctor has so much success treating knee arthritis pain... but you will also discover a possible way to relieve some or all of your pain, too.

But before I tell you all that - let me ask you this: How would you like to finally have a real medical solution for your knee arthritis pain?

Not some scam sold on an infomercial or the internet. **A real medical treatment that has already worked for countless people just like you and is covered by most insurance and medicare?**

Can you imagine what it would feel like to be able to eliminate enough of your pain and stiffness so you can get out of bed without pain and go for walks and even do things like play golf or tennis?

How relieved would you be if you felt so much better that you no longer needed to go through total knee replacement surgery and all the grueling rehabilitation?

Sounds Too Good To Be True?

I'm glad we agree. It does sound too good to be true. That's because all patients react differently and get different results from ***real medical treatments.***

That's also why no ethical doctor would promise or guarantee ANY results... for ANY treatment. EVER.

In fact - if you do start hearing over-the-top, exaggerated claims like: "cure for knee arthritis" or "eliminates all pain" or "works for everyone" you should run like heck.

But the fact of the matter is: If you qualify for the treatment you are about to discover, there is a good chance you may be able to relieve some or much of your pain.

I know because thousands of knee arthritis sufferers... just like you... have already found the relief you are looking for.

And even better - this might work for you if your pain is new... or if you have advanced knee arthritis that has made it difficult to even walk.

Here's The Treatment And The Embarrassing Moment

The treatment is called viscosupplemtation. If you have not heard of this treatment - I will explain how it might help you in just a moment. If you have heard of it - or even had this treatment without good results - this information is a "must read."

Here is why: When you have arthritis, one of the things that happens is the lubricating fluid in your joints deceases. This causes joint surfaces to rub, then grind against each other which causes swelling and pain eventually eating way at the cartilage.

Researchers have developed a natural lubricating gel that can be placed in the arthritic knee joint - this cushions and coats the joint allowing it to glide more smoothly which often decreases pain. Sometimes dramatically . Treatment with this special lubricating gel is called *Viscosupplementation.*

Advanced Knee Arthritis Treatment Offers New Hope For Pain Sufferers In New York City

Nothing Spreads The Word Like Caring Doctors and Results - Knee arthritis sufferers have swarmed the OsteoRelief Center in Manhattan, NYC and Norhtern New j Jersey ever since word got out of their advanced medical procedure for knee arthritis

This all sounds great - in theory. But there is a BIG problem with this treatment.

Allow Me To Explain...

While doing research on this treatment, I traveled to a medical clinic in Northern N.J. right outside NYC (they now have clinics in mid town and downtown).. This clinic had an excellent reputation and I got to speak not only with doctors but with several patients who ranted and raved about the results.

Many said they had tried countless other treatments in the past... including viscosupplementation... but nothing worked until they had viscosupplemtation at *this* clinic.

I was skeptical, so I asked one of the doctors why. How could it be possible that the same treatment that did not work when done elsewhere... was getting results when done here?

His response was honest and a little shocking. And the bottom line was...

"All Doctors Are Human And Sometimes They Mess Up"

I discovered that this treatment must be VERY PRECISE. In other words, the doctor must be very accurate and actually get the lubricating fluid precisely into the arthritic joint space - or the treatment will be rendered useless.

Many doctors do not want to admit it - but it is very easy to miss the joint space and alter the treatment results.

In fact, research shows that doctors doing these types of joint procedures without advanced imaging may miss the joint space as much as 30% of the time.

Technology To The Rescue

Thankfully technology is solving this problem. How? It's making doctors much more accurate and this treatment much more effective.

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The Difference Between Knee Arthritis Treatment?

Should Know... *That Might Be Keeping You In Pain*

Here's something incredible: I was able to watch many procedures actually being performed and I was shocked at how many times the doctor thought he had perfect placement... ***but the imaging proved him wrong.***

I was amazed how only a ***fraction of an inch*** would make the difference **between** success and failure.

The best thing is: When the procedure was not perfect - because of the imaging - the doctor knew instantly and was able to make the slight change necessary and achieve the results they were looking for hitting the targeted painful knee joint.

"Double Confirmation" For Best Results

That's why the doctors at this clinic have taken it one giant step further to give their patients the best. They do not just use one form of confirmation during treatment - they use two in their **"double confirmation"** process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

It became clear to me that using this advanced imaging and "double confirmation" process just might be why the doctors at this medical clinic get results when others were not.

What Results Can Be Expected?

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

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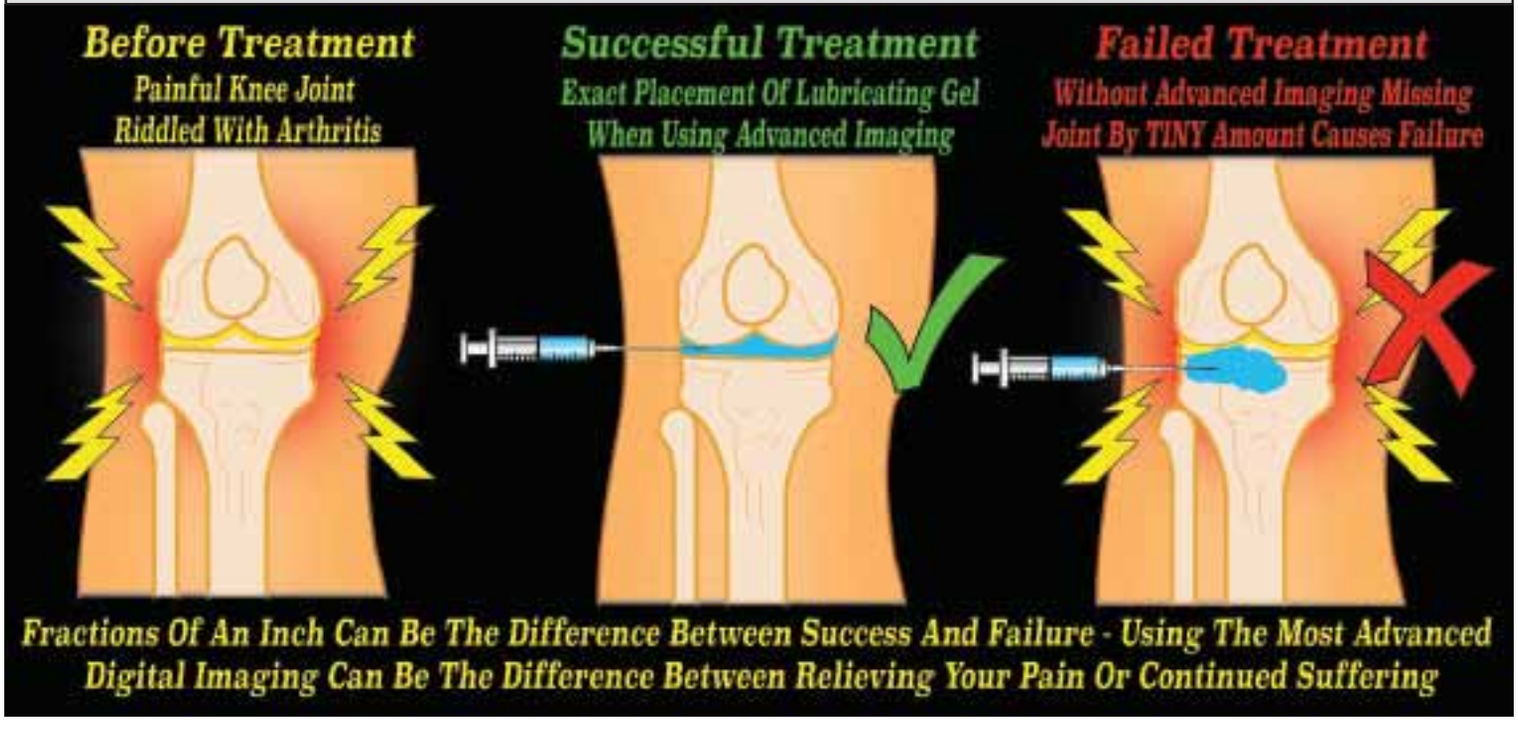
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Honestly, they can make anything look good. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

1 Ryan Gosling and Eva Mendes, pro-sweatpants

Eva Mendes came under fire last week for joking that sweatpants are the "No. 1 cause of divorce in America," because obviously we've exhausted all other topics over which to get outraged. To quell the public indignation, Mendes and partner Ryan Gosling struck out on social media to reaffirm their commitment to dressing for comfort, not style. First, Mendes posted an affectionate Instagram ode to her "favorite pair of sweatpants," apologizing for forsaking them. "Everyone knows orange Crocs are the No. 1 cause of divorce," she wrote.

Then Gosling chimed in with some well-earned wisdom about how to live in polite society: "Word to the wise. Don't joke about sweatpants or North Korea. Real hot button issues. Trust me," he tweeted. "Obviously sweatpants thing was a joke. Wearing them now. That's right, tweeting in sweatpants. Rats! Said too much! You win again Twitter." Personally, I'd wager that a lack of a sense of humor is the bigger threat to happiness. So lighten up, everybody.

2 Zoe Saldana not up for Dolce and Gabbana boycott

Sorry, Elton John. Zoe Saldana will not be joining your boycott of designers Dolce and Gabbana over their comments about gay and lesbian parents having "synthetic" children. "That would be the stupidist thing if it affected my fashion choice," she tells E! News at the GLAAD Media Awards. "Obviously it caused some sensitivity, but then again if you continue to follow the news, you see they all kind of hugged it out, so why are they making a big deal about it?" I … don't really have an answer for that, ma'am.

NOTHING COMES BETWEEN ME AND MY DOLCE.

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Ariana Grande girls out with Jimmy Fallon

Singer Ariana Grande brings some refreshing teen girl authenticity to Jimmy Fallon's recurring "Tonight Show" skit "Ew!", though her presence makes Fallon's teen girl drag seem all the more horrific. Still, it's all pretty adorable.

3 Watch the 'Game of Thrones' red carpet live

Winter is coming, and you can watch it as it happens live from the comfort of your computer. To celebrate the Season 5 premiere of "Game of Thrones," HBO is throwing a gala red carpet event in San Francisco tonight starting at 9 p.m. EST/6 p.m. PST. And while that's probably not enough notice to make it there yourself, you can watch it happen live online via Facebook.com/GameofThrones. You can even submit questions to the cast via Facebook and Instagram, but the real treat is seeing how good they look scrubbed up and out of costume.

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5 Surprises about 'The Walls Around Us'

"The Walls Around Us" comes out March 24. / ERIK RYERSON

Young Adult. The book being dubbed "Orange Is the New Black Swan" has so many twists and turns it even took author Nova Ren Suma by surprise.

Author Nova Ren Suma garnered a cult following with her books "Imaginary Girls" and "17 & Gone," but her new release (out March 24) is her most buzzworthy yet. With Suma's signature style that blurs lines between real life and the supernatural, she tells the story about a mysterious night from two different perspectives: Amber, a teen locked up in juvenile detention, and Violet, a ballerina.

1 Violet, the ballerina, wasn't in the original outline.
The story is told through Amber's eyes and then Violet's, but originally, it was going to be Amber the whole way through. "I knew I wanted to write about what it was like to be incarcerated, but I also had this idea for chiller ballerinas," Suma says. "It wasn't until I wrote the scene where all the inmates watch a new inmate arrive that the ballerina idea converged with the prison idea."

2 Bad girls have more fun — well, in this case.
Suma tells us that while writing from Violet's perspective was much easier for her, she thought writing as Amber was more fun. "Amber has a more complicated voice, but for some reason, it felt more natural to me," she says.

3 The original outline for the book had a completely different ending.
"The end of the book was not in the plan," Suma says. "I began to feel that one of the characters was deserving of a totally different fate. … I went into it thinking I knew what it was going to be, but it's like the characters came alive and made something happen."

4 Suma has always been drawn to twisted darkness.
The author tells us that when she was growing up in Woodstock, New York, she liked to go to the Artists' Cemetery with her friends and read poetry. Her favorite poet: Anne Sexton.

5 For teens, ultimately friendship is way more interesting than love stories.
"The book is so much about whom you can trust and the loyalty between friends," Suma says. She tells us she remembers how, when you're a teen, a friend's betrayal feels like the end of the world. "With Young Adult books, there's often a romantic element in the story, but I was less interested in talking about that and more interested in talking about the relationships between girls and what can go wrong when one of them betrays the other," she says.

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Miley shows up at SXSW

Whatever is up with those pictures of Miley Cyrus' boyfriend Patrick Schwarzenegger and another girl, Cyrus is not sitting around pouting. Instead, the pop star flew to SXSW to give a surprise performance with hip-hop duo Rae Sremmurd and rapper Mike Will Made It.

Cyrus stunned the crowd by walking onstage for her part of "23." EL

Review

BØRNS

BØRNS' four-song EP "Candy" has only been out for four months, but the band's single "Electric Love" is gaining momentum and has been highlighted on Spotify and SiriusXM radio. The band was a keynote at YouTube's discover showcase last Thursday, playing their full EP plus a new song, "American Money," which they dedicated to "all the strippers in the audience." As their EP title suggests, their sound is sweet and sugary — an airy blend of glam rock and electronica.

The '70s influence is apparent not only in the music, but in frontman Damon Campbell's proclivity for the word "groovy." EL

BØRNS is getting groovy. / MICHAEL BUCKNER

3 Things to know about James Bay

SXSW. Early reviews are in — this 24-year-old British crooner is the one to watch.

James Bay / GETTY IMAGES

If you haven't heard of James Bay yet, get ready for it — soon, his name will be everywhere. The singer-songwriter's debut album, "Chaos and the Calm," comes out today and is expected to debut at number one in the U.K. Why is he such a big deal? Here's what you need to know:

1 He's following in some pretty big footsteps. He might not be getting radio play yet, but that didn't stop him from collecting the 2015 Critic's Choice Award at The Brits last month. For newcomers, this is the award to win, as it is widely known to predict future success. Adele won the first Critic's Choice Award in 2008, and Sam Smith and Ellie Goulding are both past recipients, too.

2 His music is already getting the movie treatment. According to The Hollywood Reporter, Bay will be singing the theme song for the next James Bond movie, "Spectre," which also sets him on the path Adele took.

3 He's in Taylor Swift's inner circle. Bay is close with Swift and Swift's guy bestie, Ed Sheeran, but not because he pursued them: Both musicians actually reached out to him. Swift first saw Bay when he was touring with Hozier and couldn't resist telling him she's a fan. And Sheeran spotted Bay at The Brits and broke away from reporters to tell Bay that he loved "Hold Back The River."

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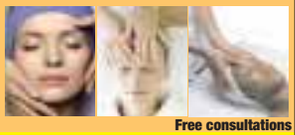
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4 Facts about your new late night host

Talk Shows. Another Jimmy joins Fallon and Kimmel.

When Craig Ferguson's "Late Late Show" successor was announced, it's safe to say that most Americans responded with, "Who?" James Corden may not be the most well-known man in America, but he's had a thriving career in England for years. We've put together a list of things you should know about your newest "Late Late Show" host.

He raps

Aside from showing off his rap skills when he can, he was also featured on rapper Dizzee Rascal's "Shout," which became an unofficial anthem of the English soccer team during the 2010 World Cup.

He's a Tony winner

OK, when we said no one in America knew who he was, we could have added this note: except for Broadway fans. Corden won a Tony for his role in "One Man, Two Guvnors," a production that originally launched in the U.K. before transferring to Broadway because of its immense popularity.

He played the lead in 'Into the Woods'

It's OK if you didn't remember him from this. Meryl Streep, Johnny Depp, Anna Kendrick, Chris Pine and Emily Blunt were also in it, and the Baker (Corden's role), while important, is a little less glamorous than the other characters.

He once kissed Harry Styles

We don't totally understand what's going on in most British talk shows, but in one of them, a "sports-themed comedy game show" called "A League of Their Own" that Corden hosted, they started doing a kiss cam and ended up with him and Harry Styles kissing. Actually, we may have more questions than answers about that whole situation.

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'Dancing with the Stars'

Hope you're not too attached to everybody yet: An elimination is scheduled to occur in the second round of performances. Our money's on "Bachelor" Chris Soules surviving a few more weeks. **8 P.M., ABC**

Can Chris Soules dance as well as he farms?

ADAM TAYLOR, ABC

DRAMA

'The Following'

Catch an extra "Following" tonight in a two-hour block that sees Ryan going to an old enemy for help taking down a new foe. Is the enemy church elders who won't let him dance? Wait, that's "Footloose."

8 P.M., FOX

DOCUMENTARY

'Independent Lens'

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Springtime on campus

Graduation is just around the corner

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Don't let 'senioritis' derail your last months of high school

College-bound seniors need to stay focused.

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Spring is an important time of year for high school seniors — college acceptance letters are arriving in mailboxes, the last rounds of campus visits are being scheduled and they're finalizing where they'll spend the next four years of their lives.

But while students may be just counting the days until graduation, it's important that they don't let their academic performance slide into oblivion.

"Senioritis" — the informal term used by generations of students and teachers to describe the mix of academic laziness and boredom that often kicks in after a student receives his or her first college acceptance — can be very real. And in the worst-case scenario, a student's poor academic performance during the spring of senior year can cause colleges to change their minds.

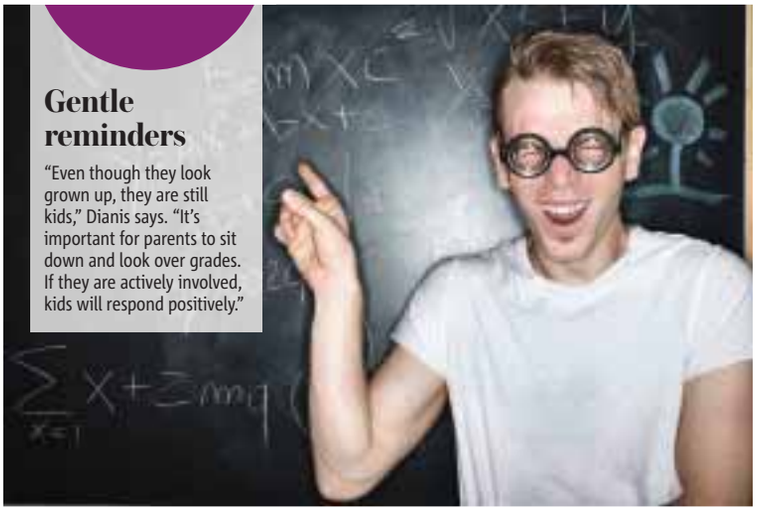
Barbara Dianis is an education expert and the author of "Grade Transformer for the Modern Student: Upper High School Edition." We asked Dianis for her advice for college-bound seniors who want to end their high school careers on a high note:

Create a personal compass

"Map out a calendar with all of the extra activities associated with the senior year — social or extra-curricular — and put it somewhere you can see it," Dianis suggests. "Then adjust your study time accordingly and really focus on making sure you are studying at least 45 minutes a day."

Gentle reminders

"Even though they look grown up, they are still kids," Dianis says. "It's important for parents to sit down and look over grades. If they are actively involved, kids will respond positively."



As much as you may want to, now's not the time to slack off. ISTOCK

Countdown to commencement

"Put your graduation day on the calendar and count how many days until you can take a scholastic break," Dianis says. "You visualize that you have to finish strong for your GPA and for other academic opportunities such as extra scholarship money that may come available because someone else didn't focus."

Keep filling your tool belt

"You are still learning core concepts that you will need when going on to other levels of education," Dianis notes. "You want to make sure that you're not missing things that you will need in your future."

Stay organized

"It's important to keep your class notes organized every day," Dianis advises. "Near the end, people tend to get sloppier — even the most organized students."

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Studying for the ACT isn't much different than preparing for the SAT, but some adjustments are needed. ISTOCK

Get to know the ACT

The ACT — the standardized test long preferred by high school students in the Midwest — is currently experiencing a surge in popularity among East Coast college hopefuls as an alternative to the SAT.

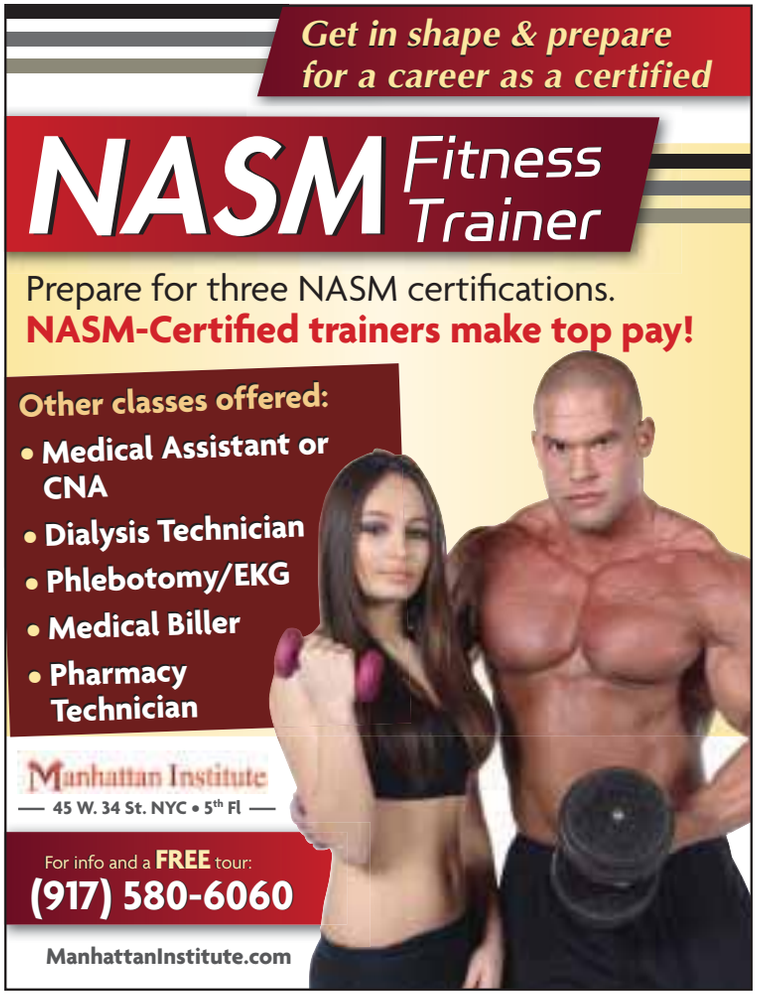
Because students and parents may be less familiar with the exam, we asked Elizabeth King, the author of the new book "Acing the ACT," to explain how a student should approach things.

Be familiar

"It's important to understand the ways questions are asked; every test has its own way of phrasing things," King notes. "Really understanding tricky questions is the key to making your score increase."

Have perspective

"While the ACT is important, the ACT is actually not the most important thing," King says. The exam is just one tool in your toolbox. MOLLY CONGDON



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Four ways to spring clean your office life

Tackle the disaster that is your desk.

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Spring is finally here, which means that in addition to getting ready for the soon-to-be sunny weather, now is also the perfect time to spruce up your office life.

"During the spring, people seem to get happier and enjoy the sunshine," says Tamara Kano Myles, an organizational expert and the author of "The Secret to Peak Productivity: A Simple Guide to Reaching Your Personal Best." "We are also at the end of the first quarter [of the year], so you still have the next nine months to make strides toward your goals."

Wondering where to get started? Myles offers these suggestions:

1 Sort through your files

"Are you keeping a lot of outdated paperwork?" Myles asks. "Go through your files and get rid of what's no longer relevant."

She adds that this bit of cleaning may bring you luck in the future. "From a feng shui perspective, it's good to have empty space in your cabinet to attract new clients."

2 Rid yourself of clutter

"Most people who have piles of paper on their desks will try to sort them but will quickly lose track," Myles notes. Instead, she suggests making use of her "three to's" system for every document that comes your way.

"I call them 'to do,' 'to file' and 'to toss.' If you start by making those three files, everything will move a lot more quickly."

Doesn't this look neat and organized? Your drawers could look like this, too. ISTOCK

3 Check your email less

"A lot of executives receive up to 300 emails a day," Myles says. "Don't use your inbox as a secondary to-do list. I suggest only accessing your email at specific times each day — for example, once in the morning, once at lunch, then mid-afternoon and at the end of the day."

Manage your time better

Are you spending a lot of time on things that aren't meaningful to you or your work? Myles says that it's time to assess your current projects and think about how you are balancing your personal life.

"Spring is a good time to think about priorities and time management," says Myles. "Start planning everything you want to do and focus on your priorities."

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
Let your personal life be your focus for the moment. Enjoy the company of someone who inspires or motivates you to step outside your comfort zone.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
Your lack of vigor will deter others from including you in their plans. Cheer up and become the life of the party instead of being left out.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
Your ingenuity and energy will help you gain some money. Discuss with your financial adviser ways to make extra cash.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Share your compassionate nature with the world. Go ahead and join an organization that mirrors your beliefs.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
No one will match your competitive skill. Don't waste time trying to convince others to join you; it's time to take the plunge.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Intriguing and stimulating conversations will result as you become more involved in activities or organizations that appeal to your interests.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Don't follow the crowd when it comes to financial decisions. You must take your own requirements into account.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Your imagination will cause a rift between you and a friend or family member. If there is something troubling you, speak up.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21
It's worth your while to get to know your peers or co-workers better. Working as a team will be effective if you compare ideas on how to make improvements.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A stable approach will be your best course of action today. Stick with tried-and-true methods and leave the unproven ideas to one side.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
The people you live with will get on your nerves if you spend too much time at home. Opt for a change in scenery. Go out with friends.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Travel and adventure will lead to appealing destinations. Careful planning will enable you to take a trip that will inspire you to try new things. EUGENIA LAST

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters to the editor

Handling it well

Re: 'Kendall Jenner opens up about Bruce Jenner' (Metro, March 19) In this day and age, it's hard to remember that celebrities are people just like the rest of us. Metro posted an article about Kendall Jenner comparing her father's sex change operation to getting a new pair of shoes. Let's forget the fact that she is a public figure for once and remember that this is a 19-year-old girl trying to come to grips with the fact that her dear old dad is becoming a woman. With all due respect to the transgender community, I could only imagine how I would react to a situation like that. Especially if I were still a teenager! For the record, I could care less about the Kardashians, but I applaud Kendall for the way she is handling this. So let the backlash begin on me in 3 ... 2... 1... DAN DOHERTY, VIA EMAIL

Safe jerseys numerous

Re: 'What jerseys are safe to buy in Philly?' (Meto. us, March 20) Evan Macy's article on what jerseys are "safe" to buy in Philly is preposterous. If he himself is a true fan, he should also be aware of the oft-repeated mantra: "You play for the crest on the front, not the name on the back." Safe? Safe from what? Looking ridiculous? Because, "OMG he's not on the team anymore?" A true fan will support his team no matter what, and will support his favorite players no matter where they play. JOE CASSIDY

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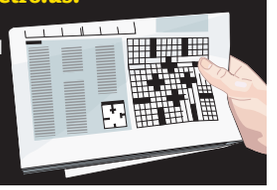

Crossword

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4 Mild acid
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12 Man of the haus
13 Dickens' -- Heep
14 Laptop picture
16 Prefix for "logical"
17 Biscayne Bay city
18 Filmmaker -- Riefenstahl
19 Tall cactus
21 Dover locale
23 Chamonix's Mont —
25 "Purple Rain" singer
26 Rough fabric
29 Non-earthling
31 Senior
32 Ms. Drescher
33 Confer upon
37 Off — — tangent
38 Potpourri
41 Pinch
42 Not fem.
44 "Ick!"
45 Trackster — Owens
47 Invisible swimmer (var.)
49 Couch
50 Go-betweens
53 After
55 Meows, maybe (2 wds.)
57 Sells out
61 Queue
62 Cratchits' dinner
64 "Da" opposite
65 Swing around
66 Emulate a dragonfly
67 Treaty member
68 — and yang
69 "Mission" starter
70 Wash against, as waves

Down
1 Helen of Troy's mother
2 West Coast st.
3 Hot water
4 Unfair shake (2 wds.)
5 Sky hunter
6 Estuary
7 Poet's foot
8 Bird's forte
9 Cheerful, as a voice
10 Globe feature
11 Part of SST
12 Not hers
15 Dice throw
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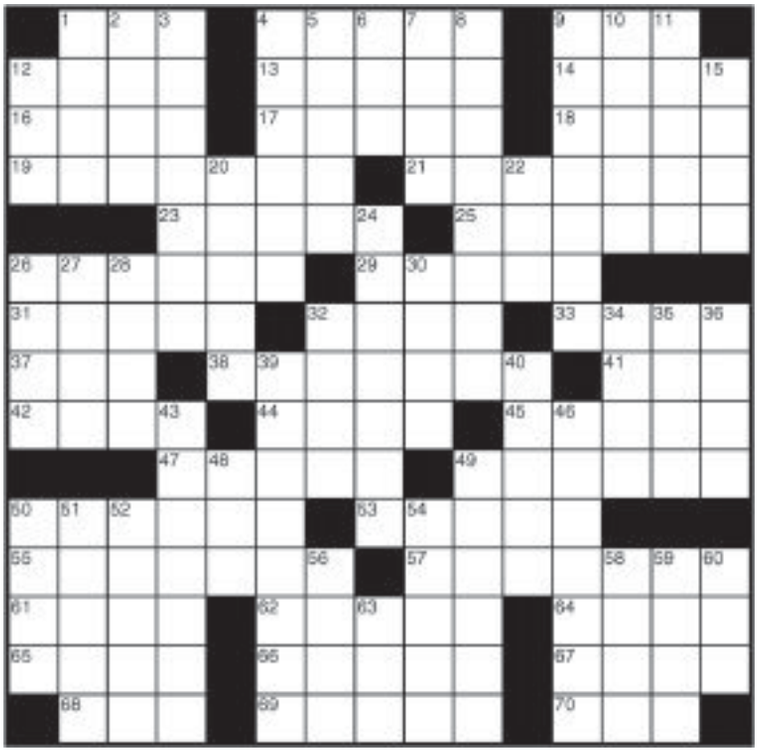

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Sports news you need to know

1 Harvey stays hot as Mets shred Yankees

The Mets are projected to have as good a record as the Yankees for the first time in years, and Sunday may have offered a preview of things to come as the guys from Queens beat the guys from the Bronx, 6-0, in spring training action from Tradition Field.

Mets ace Matt Harvey was dominant, hurling 5.2 innings of scoreless ball against the Yanks. Harvey did not walk a batter in 60 pitches and never even pitched to a three-ball count. His ERA is now just 1.26.

Juan Lagares had an inside-the-park homer for the Mets while Lucas Duda, David Wright and Eric Campbell also hit home runs.

The Mets open their 2015 regular season two weeks from Monday against the Nationals in D.C. The Mets' home opener is Monday, April 13, against the Phillies.

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2 Pro wrestler dies in ring

A Mexican professional wrestler died in the ring this past weekend after receiving a kick from former WWE star Rey Mysterio Jr.

Pedro Aguayo Ramirez fell unconscious on the ropes during a match against Mysterio in Mexico City, and the match continued for nearly two minutes until it was realized that Aguayo was seriously injured. The 35-year-old Aguayo was taken to a hospital a block away where he was soon pronounced dead.

"I have no words for this terrible news," director of the AAA wrestling federation Joaquin Roldan said on Twitter.

Trauma to Aguayo's neck and a cervical fracture were said to be the cause of death.

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3 Brey loses mom ahead of win

Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey picked up one of the biggest wins of his career Saturday as the Irish beat Butler, 67-64, in the NCAA tourney.

After the win, however, Brey announced that he coached the game with a heavy heart as he revealed that his mother, Betty, had died the morning of the game due to a heart attack. "It was kind of a tribute to her," Brey said. "It was really a special night. I think she was definitely with us down the stretch." **MATT BURKE**

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4 Duke, Kentucky head to Sweet 16

There are just 16 teams remaining in the 2015 NCAA men's basketball tournament, and traditional powers Kentucky and Duke look like they're on a crash course to meet two weeks from now in Indianapolis.

In a tournament that began with stunning upsets last Thursday, the No. 1-seeded Wildcats and the top-seeded Blue Devils both looked unstoppable at times this past weekend.

Undefeated Kentucky struggled early in their third-round matchup against Cincinnati on Saturday, but eventually pulled away to a 13-point victory.

Duke was even more impressive in the third round as they smashed San Diego State, 68-49, Sunday.

Also making a statement on Sunday was Michigan State, which upset No. 2-seeded Virginia, 60-54. It was the second straight year that the Spartans knocked the Cavaliers out of the tournament. Kentucky will play West Virginia in the Sweet 16 round later this week while Duke will clash with Utah.

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Amile Jefferson and Duke cruised into the Sweet 16.
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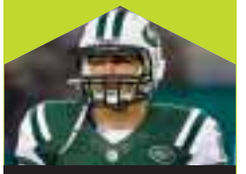

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